

**ISKCON Daiva Varnasrama Ministry
Promoting Rural Development in India (IDVM-India)**

SERVICE DESCRIPTION

NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF COW CARE & PROTECTION

MANDATE

The National Department of Cow Care and Cow Protection for IDVM-India has been established to help provide proper care and protection to cows, bulls, bullocks and calves.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To train and educate devotees and the public at large on the principles and techniques of cow care and protection through workshops, seminars, conferences, visits, field trips and through various multi-media tools and resources.
2. To keep close liaison with the Global Ministry for Agriculture and Cow Protection established by the GBC body and with the IDVM-India National Department for Agriculture.
3. To work closely with the Ahimsa Foundation for Cattle Protection (AFFCAP) in India that has been mandated by the ISKCON Bureau to help certify the ISKCON goshalas in India.
4. To set up an office where various services relating to the National Department of Cow Care and Cow Protection will be offered to devotees and to the public at large.
5. To network and interphase with existing rural communities, goshalas or agencies in India and abroad who are practicing or desiring to practice cow care and protection.
6. To keep abreast of on-going developments and interests in matters relating to self-sufficiency, permaculture, sustainability, localized living and the like with an aim at promoting the integration of cows within such communities.
7. To maintain records and reports of ISKCON rural communities in India who are registered with the ministry.

8. To organize a yearly Cow Care and Protection Conference highlighting themes and information related to Cow Care and Cow Protection.
9. To produce papers, pamphlets and various other literatures that will help promote the Aims and Objectives of the Department of Cow Care and Cow Protection.
10. To interact with other national departments such as the National Department for Agriculture, for Traditional Technologies, for Education and others, for the sake of coordinating the on-going efforts.
11. To supervise and guide ISKCON goshalas in India to ensure they are following best principles and practices of cow protection.
12. The National Director for the National Department for Cow Care and Cow Protection will be a member of the National Council of the Varnasrama Ministry (see Guidelines for National Directors).
13. To submit Annual Reports to the IDVM National Directorate.
14. To prepare proposals to be submitted by the IDVM-India to the ISKCON National Bureau.
15. To keep in regular communication with the Minister of IDVM-India.

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